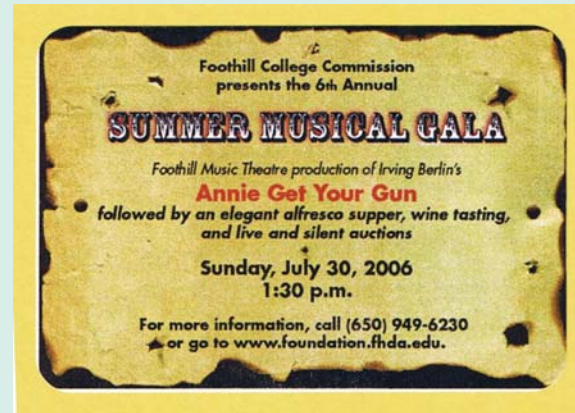


## FOOTHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE INVITATION

### SINCE WE'RE NEIGHBORS, PLEASE COME TO OUR PARTY

Join us at the sixth annual Foothill College Mid-Summer Gala on Sunday, July 30th at 1:30 p.m. It's extra special this year as we feature a **"Happy Trails Tribute to President Bernadine Chuck Fong"**, who is retiring after 36 years of exemplary leadership at Foothill College. Your support will help to launch the "Bernadine Chuck Fong Fund for Innovation" to provide seed funding for path-breaking college initiatives. The event features premium local wine tasting, silent & live auctions, and an elegant al fresco dinner as well as premium seating for the award-winning Foothill Music Theatre's performance of **Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun"**. To reserve your place and/or learn about sponsorship opportunities, please call 650-949-6230 or check the Gala website at <http://foundation.fhda.edu/gala>



## In Memoriam

**Editor's Comments:** In this issue of the Town Newsletter, we recognize the passing of two members of our community.

As a member of the Community Relations Committee, I had the opportunity of working with both men. For the past 8 years Andy Perga and his wife Cathie were always available to assist members of the Community Relations Committee at the LAH Town Picnics. Firooz Ghaffari was the owner of Print Innovations — who for the past 15 years so ably helped the CRC publish the Town Newsletter and many other publication materials for the Town. Firooz always made excellent suggestions to improve and enhance our publications. Both men shall be missed. dp

### Firooz Ghaffari, Ph.D.

Firooz Ghaffari, long-time resident of Mora Glen Drive and a good friend of the LAH Community Relations Committee, died on April 29. For over 15 years, editors' of the Town Newsletter worked with Firooz's company, Print Innovations to produce the LAH Town Newsletter. He personally oversaw the production. Many of the more recent Newsletter innovations were directly attributable to Firooz's suggestions. Firooz grew up in Tabriz, Iran and immigrated to the US for his academic studies. He earned a doctorate in chemistry at Texas A&M and later became a professor and department head of chemical engineering in Iran. In 1976 as the political climate changed, Firooz moved his family back to the US and started his printing business in Silicon Valley.



Firooz was always optimistic. He was passionate about recognizing the contributions of other nations and their cultures. He believed that Los Altos was a community that showed respect to all human beings. He loved his family and leaves behind Giti his wife of 40 years and three adult children, Faramarz, Shoaleh & Farshad.

As a former president to the Los Altos Rotary and active community volunteer, he leaves a legacy of friendship and optimism with many residents in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills and around the world.

### Andy Perga

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of longtime Town resident, Andy Perga, who died on March 12, 2006 after falling from a ladder at his home. Up until his last day he enjoyed a wonderful life, hiking, skiing, gourmet cooking & good wine, travel, working on cars and time spent with his family. He was the beloved husband of Cathie Perga and father to his three daughters and their spouses: Jen Perga and Mike DeClement of Winsted, Conn.; Francesca and John Puccini of Alameda; and Pam and Mike Hafer of Truckee.



Andy graduated from California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. During his more than 30 year career in telecommunications and electronics with ITT, he and his family lived in Belgium for 8 years. Upon returning to the US he became the director of Qume and later started his own company Upgrades Unlimited and acquired Magellan, which supplies T-Mobile with voice activated software. Andy's calling in life was to "keep the contracts coming so he could keep people employed."

Andy was always there to assist his wife, Cathie and the Community Relations Committee with the Town Picnic. Often he would say, "As soon as I retire, I'll volunteer more for the Town." Sadly, it was not to be.....he will be missed.

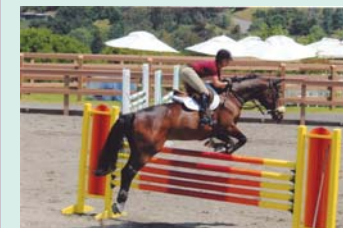
## THIRD ANNUAL KENTUCKY DERBY DAY AT MAPLE LEAF FARM

Several hundred guests celebrated the Kentucky Derby at Maple Leaf Farm in Los Altos Hills. Alex and Cathy Mendez, owners of the magnificent barn, were co-hosts of this elegant event with Supporters of Westwind Community Barn.

The guests enjoyed Southern style mint juleps, bourbon and cigars, and a traditional Derby Day lunch. The Honorable Jean and Barbara Mordo graciously donated a second fine French dinner to be prepared by the councilman, after the first dinner donated for the live auction resulted in an exciting competition amongst the bidders.

Local trainers provided a jumping demonstration by the internationally acclaimed horses at Maple Leaf Farm.

Proceeds benefit Westwind Community Barn, which is owned by the Town. Supporters of Westwind Community Barn, a tax-deductible 501(c) (3) organization, sponsored the event. Visit [www.WestwindSupporters.org](http://www.WestwindSupporters.org) to view photos of the event.



Above Photos Courtesy of Joan Mosher

## Pacific Ridge Pony Club

### GOT RIDE?

Pacific Ridge Pony Club is starting a Horsemasters Group for adults. The purpose of the group is to bring adults who love horses together to learn and have fun with horses. Horsemasters will use the same excellent Pony Club curriculum and will work toward improving their riding skills. The group will be based at Westwind Community Barn in Los Altos Hills. No prior equine experience is necessary. Horsemasters was started two years ago by the United States Pony Club to educate and expand its volunteer base for Pony Club. Volunteering for a few Pony Club activities is expected. If you are interested in learning about Horsemasters, contact Jane Kawasaki at [janekawa@pacbell.net](mailto:janekawa@pacbell.net) or Patty Roche, 650-947-084 or email: [patricia.roche@starband.net](mailto:patricia.roche@starband.net)

